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Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am all for addressing gun violence and juvenile crime as I would like to see a safer world for us to all live in. But while there are parts of this bill that seem to be moving in the right direction, there are many pieces of it that I feel are headed in the wrong direction, and can even be considered unconstitutional.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE S.B. No 16 - *AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE AND JUVENILE CRIME.*

I believe that criminals should be held responsible for their crimes, not the specific firearm they used to commit it.

What is the main driver behind targeting “other” firearms or .22 rimfire rifles? Are “other” firearms or .22 rimfire rifles commonly used in crimes here in CT? How many crimes have they been a part of? Why are braces being targeted as well, are braces used in a large number of gun violence cases or crimes? I haven’t seen enough evidence of these use cases to cause a need to take such a strict action against.

I also have major concerns about having to showing your permit on demand if asked by police, even if they do not have reasonable suspicion of a crime. This sounds like it would cause escalation and do more harm than good. It is a breach of trust and even opens up the door for racial profiling to be brought into the situation, which has been such a sensitive area over the recent years. I completely support my law enforcement and first responders with utmost respect, but I feel this can cause even more of a divide with their relationships with civilians.

I OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416 – *AN ACT CONCERNING BULK PURCHASES OF PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS.*

What problem are we trying to solve with H.B. No. 5416? I feel this only really hurts our local guns shops and FFLs, and I don’t see how they would be able to sustain their businesses with this restriction. I don’t see how this helps anything or anyone, and honestly it feels more like trying to rid the state of FFLs and making it impossible for CT residents to purchase a firearm.

Additionally, I don’t see an issue allowing a legal transfer of an assault weapon or large capacity magazines to someone else who already legally possessed them- as long as they follow the proper protocols and provide the proper certificates of possession it shouldn’t be a problem.

I SUPPORT H.B. No. 5415 – *AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF ASSAULT WEAPONS AND LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES.*

Lastly, I firmly believe and stand behind being able to defend our lives in a life-threatening situation, especially in an instance when a person enters a place unlawfully. This is very important because in today's times, it has unfortunately been seen that your life can be threatened anywhere, whether it is your house, at your work, your car, and even in places where to might not expect, such as a religious place of worship.

This is one of the main reasons why people choose to own firearms, to protect your life, your family's lives and others lives as well.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT S.B. No. 388 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT H.B. No. 5412 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE DUTY TO RETREAT IN A RELIGIOUS HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Thank you,

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